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James R. Gannoe et al.

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For:

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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 4, 2001, please amend the application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph on page 11, line 16 with the following paragraph:

Returning to Figure 1, the system of the invention further includes a stabilizer 70 for stabilizing the surface of the heart or other organ during a surgical procedure.